

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and amended as necessary to more clearly and particularly describe the subject matter, which applicants regard as the invention.

Claims 1-3 and 6-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Martensson (GB 2,330,979). Traversal of this rejection is made for at least the following reasons. Martensson does not disclose an antenna attached to a first case such that the antenna diverges from the longitudinal direction of the case at an acute angle, as recited in independent claims 1 and 6. Applicants found that such a configuration of the antenna with respect to the first case serves to further improve the rate of antenna gain (See Fig. 5 of the subject application). In contrast, Martensson discloses an antenna that extends from a top portion of the cellular telephone in a direction substantially parallel with a longitudinal direction of the cellular phone casing. Thus, the antenna of Martensson does not diverge from the longitudinal direction of the case at any angle. Because Martensson does not disclose each and every element set forth in claims 1 and 6, Martensson does not anticipate such claims. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

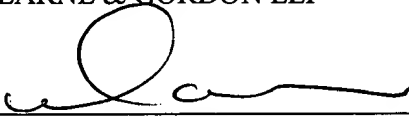
Claims 4, 5, 9, and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Martensson (GB 2,330,979) in view of Tran (US 6,215,454). Traversal of this rejection is made for at least the following reasons. Tran does not make up for the deficiencies of Martensson with respect to claims 1 and 6, as discussed above. Like Martensson, Tran discloses an antenna that extends in a direction substantially parallel with a longitudinal direction of the first case. Claims 4, 5, 9, and 10 depend from claims 1 and 6. Thus, the combination of Martensson and Tran does not render obvious claims 4, 5, 9, and 10. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

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If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 33798.

Respectfully submitted,
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